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We are pleased to announce the completion of the document entitled...

Watershed Information Management Technical Advisory Committee's
Data Management and Sharing Guidelines

The Washington Salmon & Watershed Information Management Technical Advisory Committee (SWIMTAC) was established to facilitate communication and coordination between agencies and organizations on matters relating to salmon recovery and watershed information management. Its primary role is:

- ✓ Determine existing information capabilities & needs;
- ✓ Recommend information technology policy & standards;
- ✓ Identification of issues, recommended priorities & solutions; and to
- ✓ Educate users.

These guidelines were developed to help facilitate these goals and were done so in concert and alignment with other Washington state standards efforts.

It's hoped that these guidelines will help organizations implement sound business practices by optimizing their data collection and access. If applied, these guidelines will help to facilitate the easy consumption and sharing of information that's critical to what we are trying to accomplish... *preserving the health of the environment.*

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